(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set aside Rs. 3.3 crores over the next years to implement a scheme for the development of Tamil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to set up a centre of Excellence for the development of Tamil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Government have approved a Central Plan Scheme for Development of Tamil Language. The scheme has a budget of Rs. 3.31 crore during the remaining years of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme besides various other activities also provides for setting up of a Centre of Excellence for Development of Classical Tamil Language at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore. The Centre of Excellence for the Development of Classical Tamil Language would promote quality research and academic programmes on classical Tamil language.

Literacy rate

†2718. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is quantitative as well as qualitative increase in literacy as a result of primary education and informal education;

(b) the basis of this assessment and whether any evaluation has been made thereof; and

(c) if so, the details of the findings thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The position of literacy in the country has improved between 1991 to 2001 as a result of various programmes/schemes being

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

implemented by the Government. This is evident from the following figures:

Literacy %	1991	2001
All persons	52.21%	64.84%
Male	64.13%	75.26%
Female	39.29%	53.67%
SC	37.41%	54.69%
ST	29.60%	47.10%
Urban	73.08%	79.9%
Rural	44.69%	58.7%

The above position has been determined by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and is based on the data collected from the public through the decennial Census, which is a reliable database used nationally. As per Census, a person aged 7 and above, who can read and write with understanding in any language is treated as literate.

(c) Does not arise.

Regulations and control of AICTE

2719. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the regulations and control of AICTE is supposed to exercise over various technical universities and private/Government colleges thereunder;

(b) the regulations and control exercised by AICTE on Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and the private engineering colleges thereunder during the past three years;

(c) the findings of AICTE;

(d) the remedial action suggested; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a)